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**Appl. No.** : 09/516,753

**Applicants** : Gregory Pinchasik et. al.

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**Title** : LONGITUDINALLY FLEXIBLE STENT

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**Examiner** : Vy Q Bui

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Response to Advisory Action

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated June 26, 2006, enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. 1.321 disclaiming the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173 of U.S. Patent No. 6, 723,119.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting issuance of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

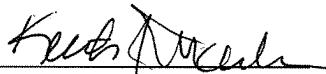
AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4303-4003US1. **A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.**

Respectfully submitted,

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